

Marine Spatial Planning Regional Workshop & Roll Out of Northwest Atlantic Marine Ecoregional Assessment Agenda

June 8-9, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, Rhode Island

Day One

- 8:00 Registration & Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome – Regional Overview
S. Yozell (TNC), S. Murawski (NOAA), K. Leyden (NROC)
- 9:30 Meeting Objectives F. Douvere, B. Ehler (UNESCO)
- 9:45 Setting the Stage: An Introduction to Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) F. Douvere, B. Ehler
- 10:30 *Break*
- 10:45 The Northwest Atlantic Ecoregion: Habitats and Inhabitants M. Anderson (TNC)
- 11:45 Charge to Breakout Sessions F. Douvere, B. Ehler
- 12:00 *Lunch - Special Guest Speaker, U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (RI)*
- 1:00 NAM ERA Data Cafe – 4 Breakout Sessions (30 min each)
Review of regional data and maps
- Fish (demersal, small pelagics, diadromous)
- Benthic Communities
- Coastal Ecosystems
- Migratory Species (marine mammals, sea birds, large pelagics, sea turtles)
- 3:30 *Break*
- 3:45 Breakout Session Reports and Discussion F. Douvere, B. Ehler
- 5:45 *Adjourn*

Please join us for a reception at the Crowne Plaza Hotel from 6:00 - 8:00pm

Marine Spatial Planning Regional Workshop & Roll Out of Northwest Atlantic Marine Ecoregional Assessment *DRAFT* Agenda

June 8-9, 2009
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Warwick, Rhode Island

Day Two

- | | | |
|-------|--|--|
| 8:00 | Breakfast | |
| 8:30 | Overview of Day | F. Douvère, B. Ehler |
| 8:45 | Linking Human Use Data With
Marine Ecosystems | J. Odell (TNC) |
| 9:45 | <i>Break</i> | |
| 10:00 | First Steps for Identifying MSP Principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- International examples- Case studies and lessons learned<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. Carlisle (MA CZM)G. Fugate (RI SAMP)D. Kaiser (NOAA)R. Orr (MMS)- Illustrative examples using NAM ERA data | F. Douvère, B. Ehler |
| 12:00 | <i>Lunch (catered on site)</i> | |
| 1:00 | Principles and Concepts:

Facilitated breakout groups discussing
a multi-objective approach to MSP | F. Douvère, B. Ehler
H. Leslie (Brown U.) |
| 3:00 | <i>Break</i> | |
| 3:15 | Breakout Reports/Final Group Discussion | Breakout Leaders |
| 4:45 | Summary Next Steps | L. Hale (TNC) |
| 5:00 | <i>Adjourn</i> | |

Northeast Regional Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning

May 6, 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the Northeast Regional Workshop on marine spatial planning (MSP), which will be held June 8-9, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, Rhode Island.

The purpose of the workshop is to share information from The Nature Conservancy's Northwest Atlantic Marine Ecoregional Assessment, a two-year project to compile, analyze and map geophysical, biological and human use data for the marine environment. Participants will be asked to review this draft work and discuss its utility for marine spatial planning, ecosystem based management, and regional governance. The workshop will also focus on developing a common level of understanding of MSP and how it can support coordinated state and federal management solutions that align human uses with compatible places. Participants will discuss planning principles, concepts, and potential avenues for advancing integrated MSP at state and federal levels to achieve shared ecological, economic and social objectives

As a key stakeholder, scientist, or policy leader for the Northeast region, the success of this event depends in large part on your participation. A draft agenda and registration form are attached.

This event is limited to those that are invited: If you are unable to attend, feel free to suggest an alternate. Please submit your registration or suggest an alternate by May 20th, 2009 to Leslie LeMay at llemay@tnc.org or (860) 344-0716 extension 339.

We very much look forward to seeing you at the workshop. Please don't hesitate to contact us prior to the event with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



DIRECTOR OF MARINE CONSERVATION, Eastern U.S. Region
The Nature Conservancy

Attachments: registration form, draft agenda